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1. On 3 February 1953, [] the KVP quarters in Premnitz house not less than 300 men. The troops engaged in training on the adjacent training field. Training included drill with heavy arms such as 122-mm howitzers, SU-76 guns and armored scout cars under Soviet supervision.¹ 25X1
2. From 15 January to 27 February, 300 to 400 VPs quartered in Camp Premnitz were regularly engaged in infantry training, which included field training, and firing practice with carbines, submachine guns, light and heavy machine guns and medium 82-mm mortars. A signal platoon practiced the laying of field cables. Most of the training was supervised by a Soviet major. Jeep [] was identified. When returning from large practices, the troops were played to the installation by a band.¹ 25X1
3. From 11 to 28 February, the former Plant II of the Optische Werke in Rathenow quartered 200 to 250 VP men, who wore blue collar patches and blue-bordered drab epaulets. Officers wore black-bordered blue collar patches and black-bordered silver epaulets. A major was the ranking officer. The troops were daily engaged in training and close-order drill in Semliner Heide. On 24 February, troops practiced with 3 small-caliber guns in the billeting area for the first time. The guns [] were 57-mm AT guns. Sedan [] was at the disposal of the officers of the unit. Six new unnumbered jeeps arrived at the installation on 12 February.¹ 25X1
1. Comment. The 2d Mecz Regt of the mechanized division in Eggesin is quartered in the winter post in Premnitz. The artillery battalion of the mechanized regiment is in the quarters in the optical plant in Rathenow. 122-mm howitzers do not belong to the weapons of a mechanized regiment. [] are elements of the 2d Mecz Regt in Premnitz and Rathenow have a strength of 1,800 men. If the elements stationed in the Eggesin-Karpin area added, the total strength of the unit would exceed 3,000 men. 25X1

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